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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, ID, OPEC

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SPECIAL OPEC MEETING

REF: JAKARTA 4197

1. DURING MEETING WITH PETOFF APRIL 16, MINES MINISTER MOHAMMAD SADLI REEMPHASIZED GOI CONCERN ABOUT OPEC'S UNRESOLVED TWO-TIER PRICING PROBLEM. SADLI MENTIONED THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED SOUND OUT CERTAIN OPEC MEMBERS (HE DID NOT MENTION WHICH ONES) ABOUT SPECIAL JUNE MEETING DURING MINISTER'S RECENT TRIP TO EUROPE AS PART OF GOI DELEGATION FOR ASEAN/EEC DISCUSSIONS. AS RESULT HIS TELEPHONE CALLS, IT APPEARED THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR HOLDING SPECIAL MEETING SAVE FOR ONE MEMBER--IRAN'S AMOUEGAR WHO, ACCORDING TO SADLI, WAS DEAD SET AGAINST JUNE GATHERING. SADLI SAID EVEN YAMANI AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, WITH IDEA PROVIDED THERE WOULD BE NO FIXED AGENDA OR PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD BIND SAUDIS TO MAKING SOME FORM OF DECISION.

2. SADLI ALSO MENTIONED THAT OPEC'S SEC GEN HAD RECENTLY PREPARED VARIOUS SCENARIOS ON WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN JULY. GOI OFFICIALS HAD ALSO BEEN MEETING LAST WEEK IN EFFORT PREDICT EFFECT OF ADDITIONAL PRICE HIKE. CLEARLY MOST PREFERABLE OPTION TO INDONESIAN WAY OF THINKING WOULD BE FOR SAUDIS TO LIFT PRICES CLOSE TO LEVEL OF OPEC ELEVEN IN RETURN FOR DEFERRAL OF FIVE PERCENT INCREASE. SADLI MADE NO COMMENT ON HOW REALISTIC THIS PROPOSAL WAS.

3. SADLI SAID THAT BEST HOPE NOW OF ARRANGING OPEC PRICE COMPROMISE WOULD BE THROUGH GOOD OFFICES OF VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT PEREZ DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST. SADLI SAID NOTHING ABOUT SUP-CONFIDENTIAL

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PORTING VISIT BUT NOTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO FORM MIDDLE GROUP OF "MODERATES" SUCH AS VENEZUELA, KUWAIT, AND INDONESIA WHO COULD PLAY POSSIBLE MEDIATION ROLE. NEWSOM

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